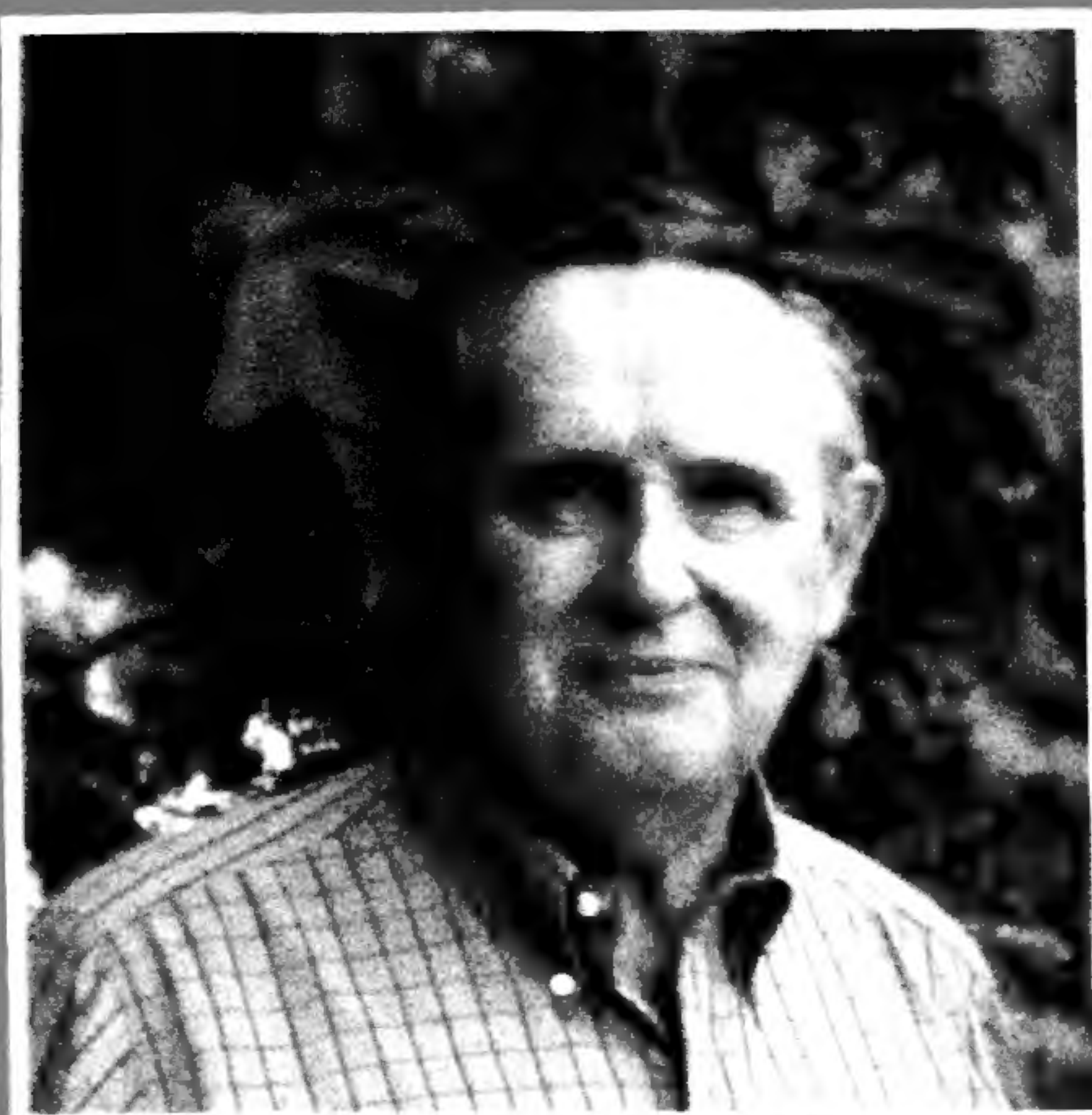


ARBORETUM MEMBERS' MAGAZINE

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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

G. Arnold Mulder, M.D., President

One of the features of good garden design is to risk having some plants that test the extremes of our weather. These plants are often the spice that can make a garden glow, but not this year. We froze, but fortunately most of the damage was to the soft, "fleshy" plants that can be easily replaced. We hope your gardens got through ok. Our thoughts are with the fruit growers who are seriously hurt by the freeze.

Speaking of good design, we are busy (I should say really busy) getting ready for the LA Garden Show. It is the first weekend in May with a theme of "Designing Your Garden". The team that is preparing it for you is amazing. We will have lots of new things to show off and, as usual, great unique plants for sale – save the date May 5 & 6

**See you there.**



"Your Garden design gives pleasure to the eye in its presentation, in fragrances of seasonal blooms and peace for the soul."

Jane R. Herrmann, LA Garden Show Chairperson

***The Arboretum's mission is to cultivate our natural, horticultural and historic resources for learning, enjoyment and inspiration.***

***Our vision is to be one of the world's truly great arboreta and botanic gardens—the garden which best reflects Southern California's distinct climate, community and openness to new ideas.***

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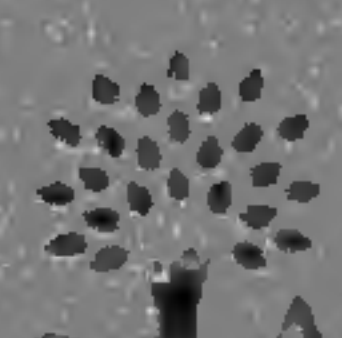
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## DEAR ARBORETUM MEMBERS

Mark K. Wourms, Ph.D., CEO

**T**he Arboretum is proud to bring you the largest outdoor garden show on the west coast the weekend of May 5 and 6, 9:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The 2007 LA Garden Show presented by Monrovia Growers carries a theme of "Designing Your Garden", a tribute to designers and the visionary artistry they provide in making our outdoor living areas functional, beautiful and inspiring. You will see a dozen garden designs by the best designers in Southern California, including a new permanent exhibit, which you will read about in this edition of the Members' Magazine.

The LA Garden Show continues to grow in its offerings and is already on its way to being a regional draw in Southern California. We hope you will take advantage of the lectures, demonstrations and book signings by well-know garden experts and authors.

A garden show cannot be without plants and The Marketplace will feature over forty specialty vendors with a huge selection of hearty plants and the latest specialty garden décor, tools and furniture. A wide variety of rare and hard-to-find plants as well as your colorful favorites will be for sale, including those from The Arboretum's own collections.

For those interested in previewing the show with music, hors d'oeuvres, wine by Sanford Winery & Vineyards and drawing opportunities, an opening night preview reception will be held on Friday, May 4. Preview and purchase 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. and reception 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Tickets are \$75 per person and support The Arboretum's gardens and programs. To purchase tickets call 626.821.3237.

We hope to see you here.

# PLANTS & PEOPLE

Timothy R. Phillips, Superintendent

## *A Fat and Prickly Exhibit Opens at The Arboretum*

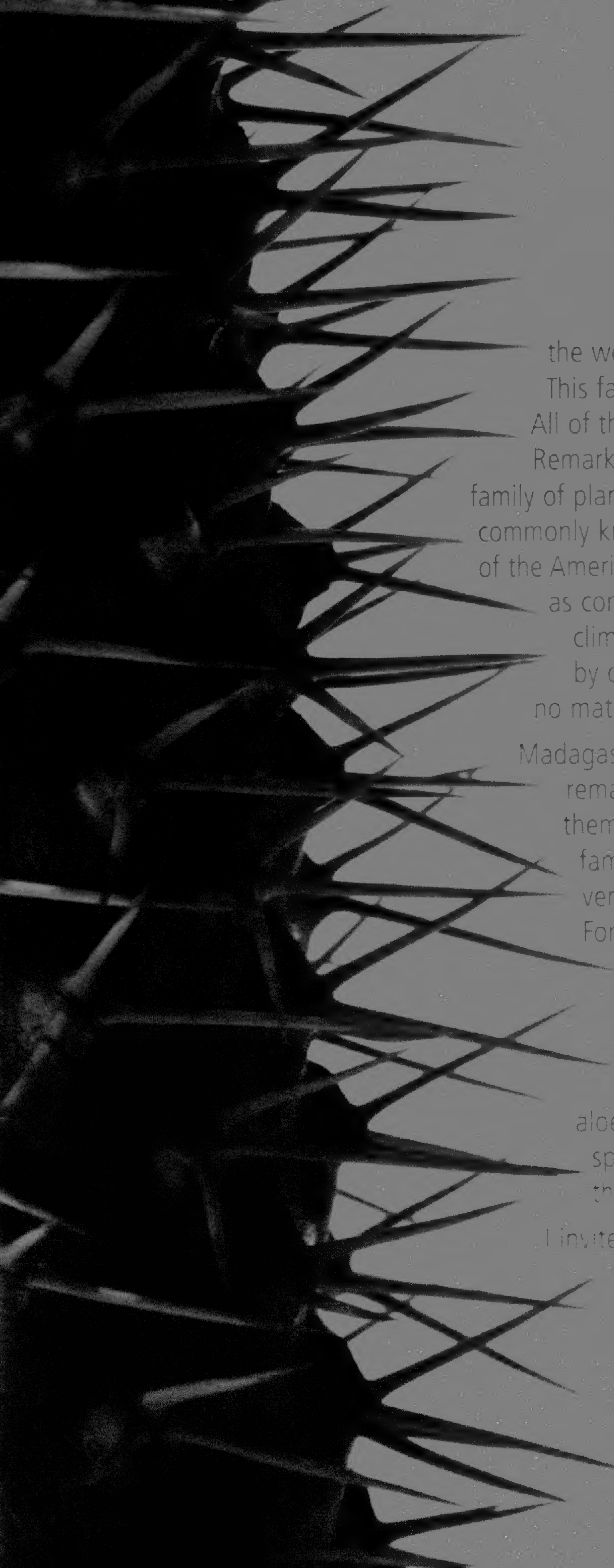
I love extreme plants. The plant world is filled with them, most having evolved in the world's most extreme environments--those seemingly inhospitably arid lands we call deserts.

The Arboretum will proudly present its Madagascar Spiny Forest, unveiling at the 2007 LA Garden Show May 5 & 6. This permanent exhibit will celebrate botanical diversity and educate our visitors on the importance of plant conservation and promote the awareness of arid plants. This will be the only garden of its kind in Southern California and possibly the largest public collection of Spiny Forest plant material outside of Madagascar.

Geographically isolated, the island of Madagascar is about as far as far gets from Southern California. Because of the island's size, geographical isolation, and diverse topography it is home to a plethora of unique flora and fauna found nowhere else on the planet. When humans arrived into Madagascar a couple thousand years ago, a handful of its animal inhabitants fell into the category of mega-fauna. The very large flightless birds were most notable; some of which would have literally made our modern day ostriches look like geese. There were lemurs the size of apes, as well as many other interesting creatures that are now extinct. Likewise, the island's flora was and still is, very unique. However, as with many of the animal species, much of the island's habitat has disappeared and is rapidly being depleted by grazing practices, firewood collection and illegal collection of some of the much sought after plant species.

Madagascar is predominantly a tropical island, however, due to the extremes in elevations and its extension southward beyond the Tropic of Capricorn, there are significant temperature differences found from region to region. The Spiny Forest habitat occupies the south west section of the island and has a climate similar to the deserts of central and southern Baja California.

The rich flora that makes up the Spiny Forest is, like many other desert floras around



the world—extreme. One family, endemic to this arid southwest region, is the Didiereaceae. This family is comprised of four genera: *Alluaudia*, *Alluaudiopsis*, *Decarya*, and *Didierea*. All of these genera, superficially look alike--having one major feature in common--spines. Remarkably, in form and function, this family closely resembles the North American desert family of plants called the Fouquieriaceae. The best known in this family are *Fouquieria columnaris*, commonly known as the Boojum Tree of Central Baja; and *Fouquieria splendens*, or the Ocotillo of the American South West. These plant families are similar due to a phenomenon known as convergent evolution; plants (and other organisms) that are unrelated and grow in climatically similar, but geographically distant habitats. They have adapted to the climates by developing similar adaptive characteristics and traits. Arid land plants often have spines no matter where the arid land is.

Madagascar is also home to an abundance of palm species and aloes, many of which grow remarkably well in Southern California when given adequate horticultural attention. Of them, only two species are known to occur in the Spiny Forest. They include the world famous *Dypsis decaryi*, commonly known as the Triangle Palm, and *Ravenea xerophila*, a very rare, slow growing feather palm that has adapted to the harsh environs of the Spiny Forest through the production of thick, fleshy carrot-like roots.

The most-well-known group of Spiny Forest plants, commonly sold in nurseries under the name Madagascar Palm, belong to the Genus *Pachypodium*. These plants produce beautiful fragrant white flowers and maintain a shield of formidable spines that blanket their bulbous trunk. The Arboretum will also feature various species of aloes found in the Spiny Forest including the *Aloe vaombe* and *A. suzannae*. Both of these species become very large and like many of the aloes from the African continent, produce their flowers in the winter months.

I invite you to explore the world with us and see this fat and prickly new permanent exhibit.



## BLOOM

Jim Bauml, Ph.D., Senior Biologist

At the south end of the Meadowbrook Section, across from the Herbs of the World Garden, a slow transformation has taken place. An extensive collection of over 400 different varieties of daylilies (*Hemerocallis*) have been added to the landscape through the dedication and hard work of Frank Cusenza and other members of the Southern California Hemerocallis and Amaryllis Society (SCHAS). They are planted along the edges of a walking trail that will eventually be a paved walk. Plants are grouped by colors and by types, including "UFOs" or "unusual forms". Even more plants are scheduled to be added. Look for a long-lasting display of colorful blooms as spring arrives.

Contact the plant information line 626.821.3239 or [plantinfo@arboretum.org](mailto:plantinfo@arboretum.org) to learn more about what's in bloom.

# CALENDAR

APRIL- JUNE, 2007

## MAKE A DATE

### *Ongoing Activities*

#### **ARBORETUM LIBRARY**

Tuesday-Friday, 8am-5:15pm  
Every other Saturday, 8:30am-5pm

#### **SANTA ANITA DEPOT**

Tuesday & Wednesday, 10am-4pm  
Sundays, 1-4pm

#### **FAMILY BIRD WALK**

1st Saturday of the month, 8am

#### **FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAYS**

3rd Sunday of the month

#### **ARBORETUM BOOKWORMS**

3rd Sunday of the month, 2-3pm (ages 3-8)  
3rd Wednesday of the month, 10-11am (pre-school)

#### **FREE ADMISSION DAY**

3rd Tuesday of the month

#### **WALKING TOURS**

Daily, call ahead for schedule

#### **GARDENS OF CALIFORNIA TELEVISION PROGRAM**

Every Sunday, 2-3pm  
Check your local cable channel

## PLANT AHEAD

### *Events and Exhibitions*

April 7, 8am – **SANTA ANITA DERBY DAY**

April 7, 10am to 2pm – **THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT**

April 14, 9am to 4:30pm – 4th **ANNUAL KOREAN GARDEN FESTIVAL**

April 28 & 29, Sat. 1pm to 5pm, Sun. 9am to 3:30pm – **ROSE SHOW AND SALE**

May 5 & 6, 9am to 4:30pm – **LA GARDEN SHOW**

May 12 & 13, 9am to 4pm – **MOTHER'S DAY GERANIUM SHOW**

May 13, 10am to 4pm – **THE QUEEN ANNE COTTAGE OPEN HOUSE**

May 19 & 20, 9am to 4pm – **48TH ANNUAL EPIPHYLLUM SHOW AND SALE**

May 26 - 28, 9:30am to 5pm – **SANTA ANITA BONSAI SHOW**

June 2, 10am to 4pm – **DAYLILY SHOW AND PLANT SALE**

June 9 & 10, 9am to 4:30pm – **FERN AND EXOTIC PLANT SHOW AND SALE**

June 30 – **CAL PHIL SEASON BEGINS**

# April

# May

# June

**1 SUN** Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm  
**Botanical Watercolor Workshop**, 8 Mondays, March 5-April 23; 9:30-11:30; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop  
**2 Tai Chi** with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; \$48/\$52 non-members  
**Park Facilities**-Mt. San Antonio College class; Mondays, Feb. 26-June 19; 6-9:10pm; call 626.821.4623 for information

**3 TUE** Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm  
**Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt**; 4 Wednesdays, April 4, 18, 25, May 2; 9:30-11:30; \$160 / \$176 non-members  
**Santa Anita Depot**; 10am-4pm  
**Seminars with Lili Singer**: Edible Theme Gardens with Rosalind Creasy; 9:30am-Noon; \$20 per class; pay at the door  
**Compulsive Gardeners**: Class is full  
**6 Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura**; 8 Fridays; 9:30-11:30am; \$65/\$80 non-members

**7 SAT** The Great Easter Egg Hunt; 10am-2pm; 1¢ per egg for members/Regular admission plus \$10 per egg for non-members; pre-registration is not required  
**Family Bird Walk**; 8am  
**Santa Anita Derby Day**; 8am

**8 SUN** Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm  
**Botanical Watercolor Workshop**; 9:30-11:30; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop  
**9 Tai Chi** with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; \$48/\$52 non-members  
**Park Facilities**-Mt. San Antonio College class;

**10 TUE** Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm  
**Fresh Cooking Class**: Chef Colin Crowley, Executive Chef, Sanford Winery & Vineyards; 3-5pm; \$35/\$40 non-members; pre-registration required: 626.821.4623  
**Santa Anita Depot**; 10am-4pm  
**Seminars with Lili Singer**: Field Trip-Three Gardens by Armstrong & Walker; 9:30-Noon; \$20 per class; pre-registration required  
**Compulsive Gardeners**: Class is full  
**13 Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura**; 9:30-11:30am; \$65/\$80 non-members with \$24 materials fee  
**Family Adventures**: Arboretum Treasure Hunt; 2-4pm; \$15/family; \$20/family non-members  
**14 KidsArt**; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration, call (818) 248-2764  
**Korean Garden Festival**; 9am-4:30pm

**Arboretum Bookworms**: "The Treasures of Nature"; storytelling & craft; Ages 3-8; 2-3pm  
**15 SUN** Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm  
**Gardening 101** with Steve Gerischer: Evaluate Your Garden-Is It Working?; 2-4pm; \$18/\$20 non-members  
**Family Picnic Sundays**

**Botanical Watercolor Workshop**; 9:30-11:30am; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop

**1 TUE** Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm  
**Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt**; 9:30am-1:30pm; \$160 / \$176 non-members  
**Santa Anita Depot**; 10am-4pm  
**3 Seminars with Lili Singer**: Beyond Bloom: Designing with Foliage with Marcel Lineiro; 9:30-Noon; \$20 per class; pay at the door  
**Compulsive Gardeners**: Class is full  
**4 Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura**; 9:30-11:30; \$65/\$80 non-members with \$24 materials fee

**5 SAT** **LA Garden Show**  
**Family Bird Walk**; 8am

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**Santa Anita Depot**; 1-4pm

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**Park Facilities**-Mt. San Antonio College class; 6-9:10pm; call 626.821.4623 for information

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**Santa Anita Depot**; 10am-4pm  
**Seminars with Lili Singer**: Open Mike for Gardeners with Lili Singer; 9:30am-Noon; \$20 per class; pay at the door  
**Compulsive Gardeners**: Class is full  
**11 Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura**; 9:30-11:30am; \$65/\$80 non-members  
**12 SAT** **Family Adventures**: Mother's Day Hike & Tea; 2-4pm; \$15/family; \$20/family non-members  
**KidsArt**; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764  
**Mother's Day Geranium Sale**; 9am-4pm

**13 SUN** Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm  
**Queen Anne Cottage Open House**; 10am-4pm  
**Botanical Watercolor Workshop**; 9:30-11:30am; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop  
**14 Tai Chi** with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; \$48/\$52 non-members  
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**Arboretum Bookworms**; 10-11am

**17 THU**

**1 FRI**  
**Daylily Show & Sale**; 10am-4pm  
**Garden Sprouts**: Saturday Kids Gardening Club, 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month; 9-11am; \$10/class; \$12/class non-members  
**2 SAT** **KidsArt**; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764  
**Family Adventures**: Painted Fish & Fish Painting; 2-4pm; \$15/family; \$20/family non-members  
**Grafting Workshop**; Mits Kawahara, Instructor; 2-4pm; \$20/\$22 non-members

**3 SUN**  
**Park Facilities**, a Mt. San Antonio College course; 6-9:10pm  
**Tai Chi**, 8 Mondays; 6:30-7:30 Beginner; 7:30-8:30 Intermediate; \$48/\$52 non-members  
**4 Watercolor Workshop**, 8 Mondays, 9:30-Noon; \$35/\$42 non-members; Self-directed; no instructor

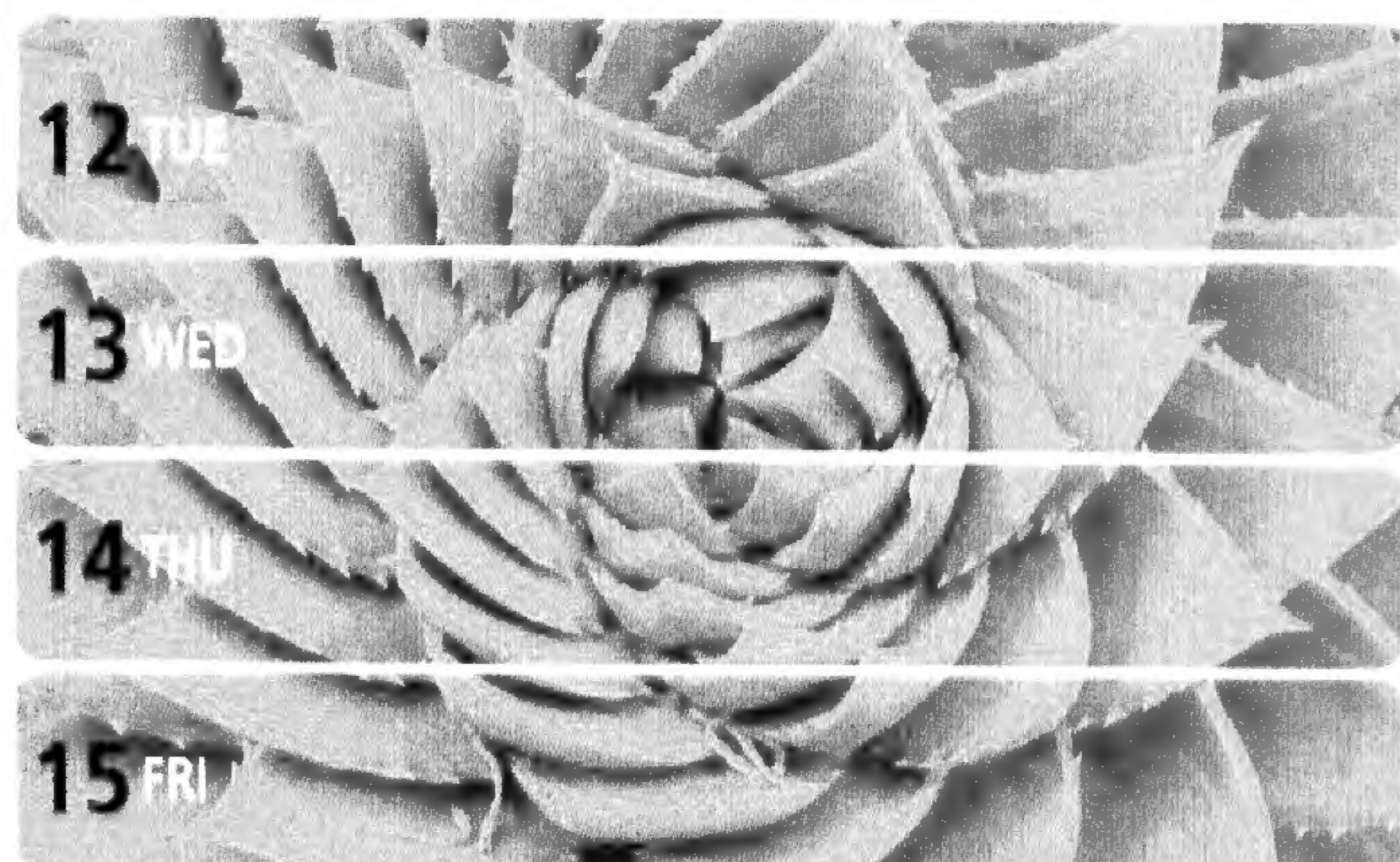
**5 TUE**  
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**7 THU**  
**8 FRI**  
**9 SAT** **Exotic Plant Show & Sale**; 9am-4:30pm  
**KidsArt**; 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764

**10 SUN** **Exotic Plant Show & Sale**; 9am-4:30pm  
**Watercolor Workshop**, 8 Mondays, 9:30-Noon; \$35/\$42 non-members; Self-directed; no instructor  
**11 Park Facilities**, a Mt. San Antonio College course; 6-9:10pm  
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**Garden Sprouts**: Saturday Kids Gardening Club, 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month; 9-11am; \$10/class; \$12/class non-members  
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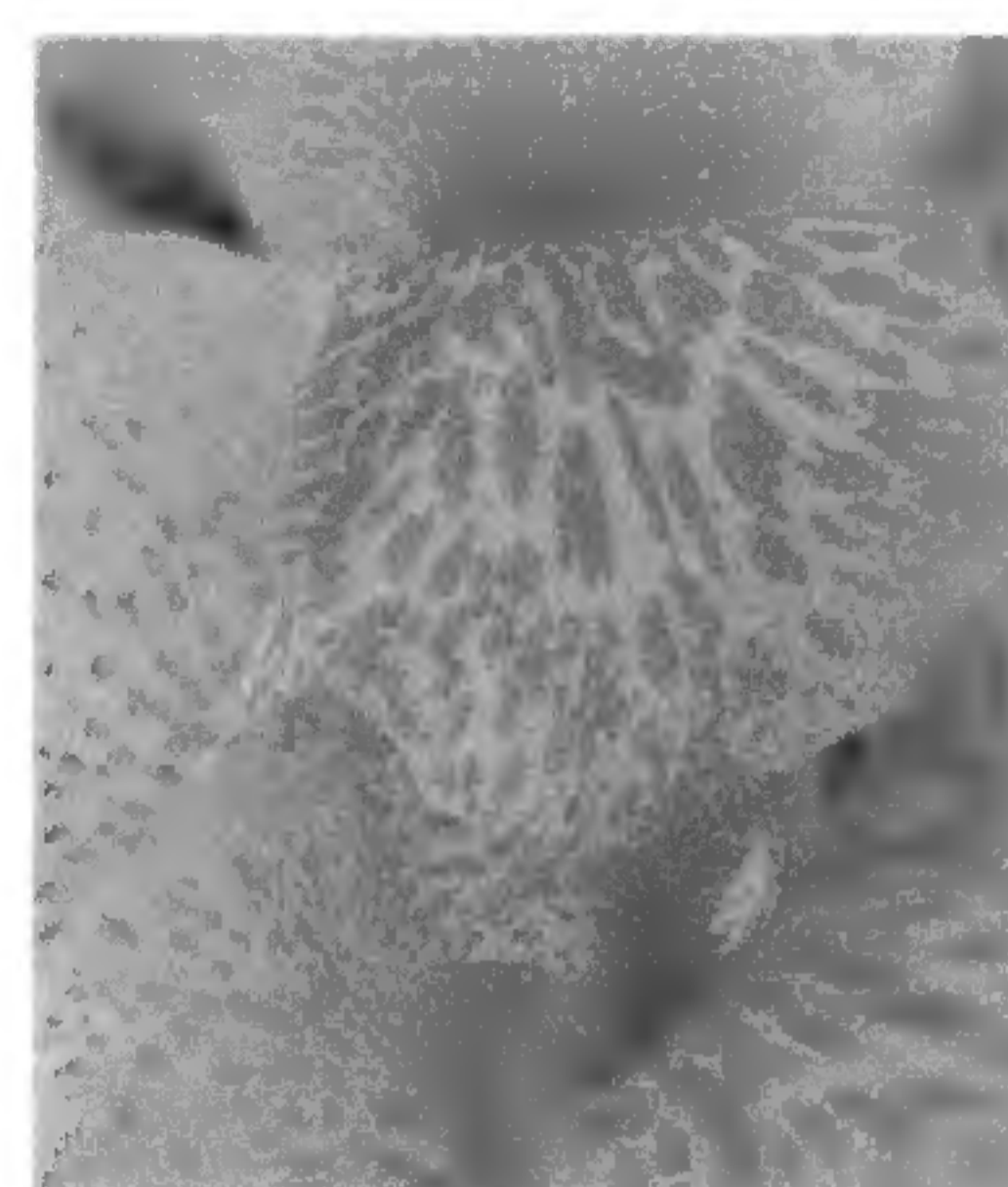
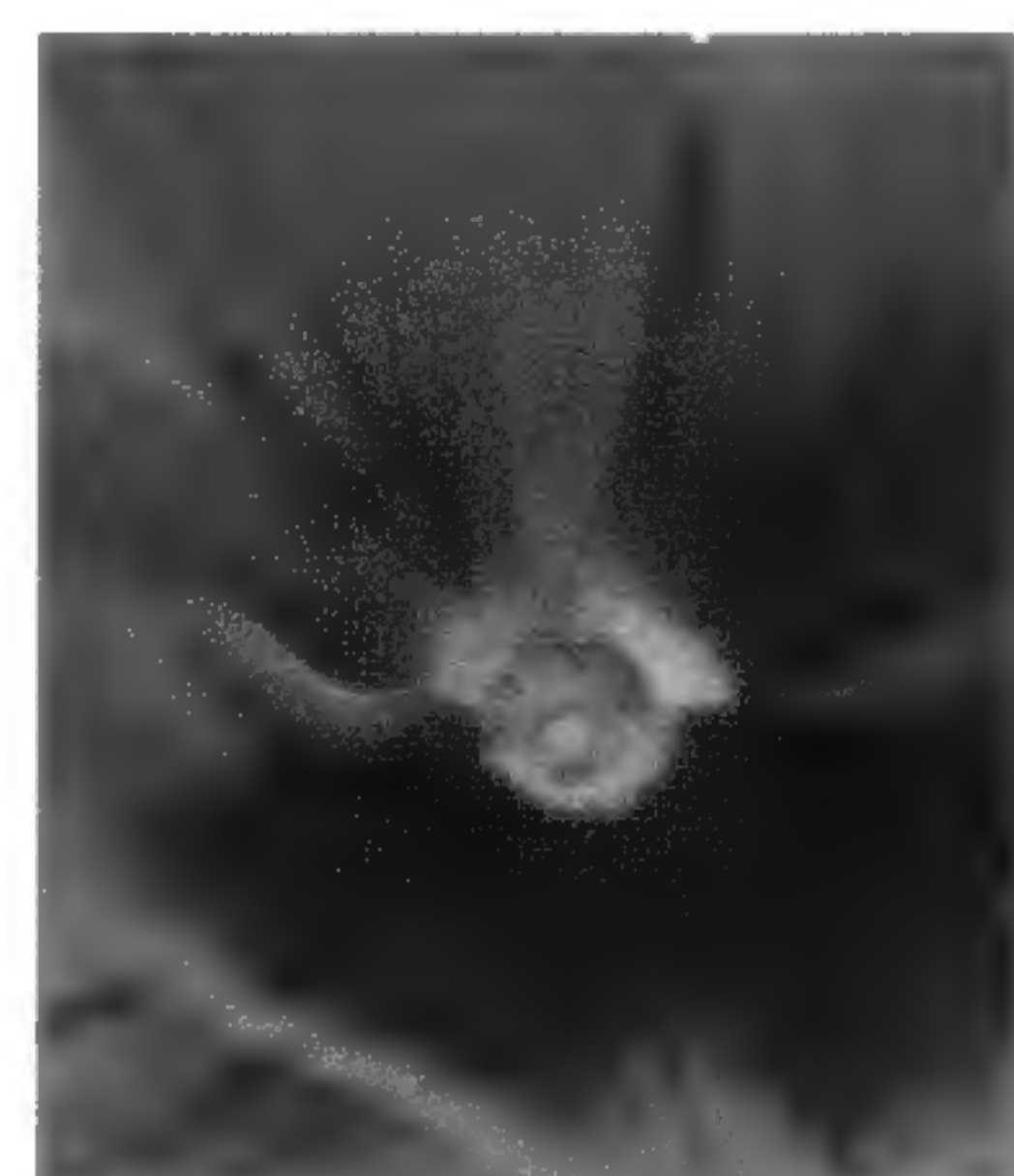
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# LA GARDEN SHOW

## MAY 5 & 6 2007

### DESIGNING YOUR GARDEN



Learn how to design your garden from the best designers in Southern California

Buy one-of-a-kind plants

Shop at The Marketplace

Meet well-known garden experts and authors

Ongoing demonstrations, entertainment and food all weekend long

Garden Show Hours are 9am to 4.30pm

Early admission for Arboretum members is 8am

Regular admission fees apply: \$2.50 - \$7.00

*Arboretum members are always free*



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non-members; self-directed workshop

**30 MON Tai Chi** with Master Mochi Sasian Yau;

6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm;

\$48/\$52 non-members

**Park Facilities** Mt. San Antonio College class;

For detailed information on these events and classes go to [www.arboretum.org](http://www.arboretum.org) and click on calendar.

To register for a class or series, please call the class information line 626.821.4623, Pre-registration is required for most classes. For membership information call 626.821.3233

**The Arboretum**  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS

Daylily Show &amp; Sale; 10am-4pm

Garden Sprouts; Saturday Kids Gardening Club; 1st &amp; 3rd Saturdays of the month; 9-11am; \$10/class; \$12/class non-members

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## Garden Designs by

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## The Marketplace will feature plants and garden accessories by

American Bamboo Society  
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 Annie's Annuals and Perennials  
 Antique Label Company  
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 Cal Poly Pomona Foundation  
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 And many more.



## Lectures and Demonstrations

### Saturday, May 5

- 11am Annie's Annuals Nursery – Annie Hayes, Owner,  
and David Feix, Garden Designer  
"Annie's Fun & Fabulous Plants for Coastal California"
- 12pm Lili Singer, Horticultural Consultant and  
LA Times Garden Writer  
"Going Green: Sustainability, Simplified"
- 1pm Gary Jones, Plantsman from Armstrong  
Garden Centers  
"Fresh Plants for Exciting New Gardens"
- 2pm George Hull, Mountain State Wholesale Nursery,  
Plant Developer, Educator  
"Cool Plants for Dry Places"
- 3pm Laura Morton, Artist/Landscape Designer  
"Rags to Riches: a Garden Transformation"

### Sunday, May 6

- 11am John Schoustra, Greenwood Daylily Nursery, Owner  
"Heaven Scent" - Pelargoniums, Daylilies & Iris
- 12pm Mark Bartos, Landscape Designer  
"Borrowing from the Past"
- 1pm Steve Goto, Tomato Guru  
"It's All About Tomatoes!"
- 2pm Steve Gerischer, Landscape Designer  
Design & the Avid Collector:  
"Gotta Have it! Now what do I do with it?"
- 3pm Jeff Delzell, Descanso Gardens  
Designing Fabulous Pots with Succulents  
- A Demonstration

## Entertainment

The Arboretum's Youth Education Department  
Kidspace  
Nasa's Spitzer Science Center  
The Great Morgani  
Wine Tasting



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**TaiChi with Master Mochi Sasiau Yau,**  
to 30 / 30pm, Intermediate / 30-8:30pm,

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Win a wine tasting trip for two to Sanford Winery & Vineyards in Buellton, California. Two drawing opportunities will be held at the LA Garden Show. One on Saturday, May 5 and one on Sunday, May 6. You need not be present to win.

### Transportation to Sanford Winery & Vineyards from Los Angeles

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**Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt;** 9:30am-1:30pm; \$160 / \$176 non-members  
**Plants & People Lecture Series** with Rob Weinstock, Chief Viticulturist for the Terlato Wine Group; "Making Great Wine Through Balanced Plant Science: Secrets to Sustainable Success in the Vineyards"; 3pm Talk with Wine Tasting following; \$10/\$15 non-members; pay at the door

**18** **Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm**  
**Arboretum Bookworms;** 10-11am  
**Seminars with Lili Singer:** Smokers & Head-Turners: A Look Behind Closed Doors with Nicholas Staddon; 9:30am-Noon; \$20 per class; pay at the door

**19** **Compulsive Gardeners:** Class is full  
**20** **Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura;** 9:30-11:30am; \$65/\$80 non-members

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**KidsArt;** 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764

**22** **Build a Bin...Let Worms Eat Your Garbage:** Family Workshop (all ages welcome); 2-4pm; \$20/family; \$25/family non-members  
**Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm**

**23** **Botanical Watercolor Workshop;** \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop  
**Tai Chi** with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; \$48/\$52 non-members  
**Park Facilities** Mt. San Antonio College class;

**24** **TUE Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm**

**25** **Plant Studies with Olga Eysymontt;** 9:30am-1:30pm; \$160 / \$176 non-members  
**Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm**  
**Seminars with Lili Singer:** Field Trip- Wattles Farm & Wattles Mansion, Hollywood; 9:30am-Noon; \$20 per class; pre-registration required.

**26** **Compulsive Gardeners:** Class is full  
**27** **Ikebana with Reiko Kawamura;** 9:30-11:30am; \$65/\$80 non-members

**28** **KidsArt;** 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764  
**Rose Show & Sale;** 9am-3:30pm

**29** **Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm**  
**Rose Show & Sale;** 9am-3:30pm

**30** **Botanical Watercolor Workshop,** 8 Mondays, April 30-June 18; 9:30-11:30; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop  
**Tai Chi** with Master Mochi Sasian Yau; 6:30-7:30pm; Intermediate: 7:30-8:30pm; \$48/\$52 non-members  
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**18** **Compulsive Gardeners:** Class is full  
**Epiphyllum Show & Sale;** 9am-4pm  
**19** **Garden Sprouts:** Saturday Kids Gardening Club; 9-11am; \$10/class; \$12/class non-members  
**KidsArt;** 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764

**20** **Epiphyllum Show & Sale;** 9am-4pm  
**Arboretum Bookworms:** "Fun with Fungi" storytelling & craft; Ages 3-8; 2-3pm  
**Gardening 101** with Steve Gerischer: The Garden in Bloom (plus a Walk Around The Arboretum); 2-4pm; \$18/\$20 non-members  
**Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm**  
**Family Picnic Sundays**

**21** **Botanical Watercolor Workshop;** 9:30-11:30pm; \$35/\$42 non-members; self-directed workshop  
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**Park Facilities** Mt. San Antonio College class; 6-9:10pm; call 626.821.4623 for information

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**24** **WED Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm**

**25** **THU Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm**

**26** **Bonsai Show;** 9:30am-5pm  
**KidsArt;** 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764

**27** **Bonsai Show;** 9:30am-5pm  
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**28** **Bonsai Show;** 9:30am-5pm  
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**Family Picnic Sunday**

**Arboretum Nature Summer Camp**  
**Watercolor Workshop,** 8 Mondays, 9:30-Noon; \$35/\$42 non-members; Self-directed; no instructor  
**18** **Park Facilities,** a Mt. San Antonio College course; 6-9:10pm  
**Tai Chi,** 8 Mondays; 6:30-7:30 Beginner; 7:30-8:30 Intermediate; \$48/\$52 non-members

**19** **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp**

**20** **Arboretum Bookworms;** 10-11am  
**Arboretum Nature Summer Camp**

**21** **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp**

**22** **Arboretum Nature Summer Camp**

**23** **KidsArt;** 12:00-1:00pm; 1:15-2:15pm; For Registration Call (818) 248-2764  
**Hypertufa Pot Workshop;** 2 classes: 10am-12:30pm or 1:30-4pm; \$25/\$30 non-members; Reservations required

**24** **Gardening 101 with Steve Gerischer;** Mulch, Irrigation and Shade Oh My!; 2-4pm; \$18/\$20 non-members

**Arboretum Nature Summer Camp;**  
**Watercolor Workshop,** 8 Mondays, 9:30-Noon; \$35/\$42 non-members; Self-directed; no instructor  
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**30** **Cal Phil Season begins**



## KIDS IN NATURE

*Ongoing Youth Education Programs*

### Garden Sprouts

Saturday kids gardening club 9-11am

Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month

\$10/class for members | \$12/class non-members

April 21, May 19, June 2, June 16

### Family Adventures

Saturday afternoon nature expeditions 2-4pm

\$15/family for members | \$20/family for non-members

Apr 14, May 12, June 2

### Bookworms

Storytelling and hands-on activity for kids.

Every 3rd Sunday and Wednesday of the month

Sunday 2-3pm | April 15, May 20, June 17 (ages 3-8)

Wednesday 10-11am | April 18, May 16, June 20 (pre-school age)

### Arboretum Nature Camp begins in June.

Call the education office to register 626.821.4623.

## THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 10AM-2PM

**\$5/child for members**

**Regular admission plus \$10/child for non-members**

## GET INVOLVED

If you like special events and working with people, The Arboretum is in need of volunteers like you. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to give their time in support of The Arboretum's activities.

### 3rd Annual Great Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 7

### 2007 LA Garden Show

Saturday & Sunday May 5 & 6

If you are interested in volunteering for either of the above mentioned events, or for general information on volunteering at The Arboretum, please contact Lisa Beach, Volunteer Manager, at 626.821.5897 or [lisa.beach@arboretum.org](mailto:lisa.beach@arboretum.org).

## CONNECT

As members of The Arboretum you may have questions about your membership benefits. Every quarter we will answer your questions here.

### How does The Arboretum Reciprocal Program work?

As a member of The Arboretum you receive free admission and additional benefits at other botanic gardens, arboreta, and conservatories throughout North America. A list of participating institutions is available online at [www.ahs.org](http://www.ahs.org). Please be aware that the list is subject to change. Before visiting any garden, be sure to visit its website or call to verify its hours of operation and get the latest updates on programs and other information. Please remember to carry your Arboretum membership card with you when you travel to reciprocating gardens.

For membership information call 626.821.3233, seven days a week, 9am-4pm



## *The Peacock Café*

**B**arbara West has been a caterer in the Pasadena area for over 21 years. Her business has expanded to service many prestigious University of Southern California and Los Angeles Times events, as well as many private clients. Her restaurant "Barbara's at the Brewery" is located in the Brewery Arts Colony in Los Angeles. Her repertoire includes multi-course sit down dinners for small or large numbers to picnics, buffets and station parties for a few to three thousand. Together with her capable and talented staff, she hopes to bring the same event planning and performance to The Arboretum.

"Our vision for the Peacock Café and catering operations is to provide the highest quality food and service, while taking steps to be environmentally sensitive." Says Greg Semancik, manager of The Peacock Café.



Matthew Semancik, Executive chef is a graduate of the Le Cordon Bleu Chef program from the California School of Culinary Arts in Pasadena. He has worked with some of the finest chefs and restaurants in Los Angeles such as Ludovic Lefebvre at Bastide and Christophe Eme at Ortolan along with spending time working at the Sissinou in Biarritz, France. Tiffany Martin and David Abrams are also alums from Le Cordon Bleu Chef program from the California School of Culinary Arts in Pasadena.

The café serves weekly specials on dinnerware and uses compostable plates, cups, and utensils made of sugar cane, corn, and potato starch. Using herbs from the Organic Vegetable Garden, they hope to make their foods unique to The Arboretum experience. They are working towards composting appropriate kitchen waste right in the garden.

The Peacock Café is Open daily 9-4pm  
For catering call 626.447.0641.

## GRAPEVINE

### *Discover the Fun*

**T**he Arboretum has launched its new Discovery Cart program with the generous support of Southern California Edison and Arboretum volunteers. Look out for this colorful cart with the umbrella around the garden. It is full of educational and fun activities for kids of various ages. It will make learning about our natural world even more fun.

### *On For the Ride*

**D**id you know The Arboretum is only 15 miles away from downtown Los Angeles? According to AAA, a 15 mile round-trip equals \$7.73 of gas. Consider riding public transportation to The Arboretum one day. You can take the Gold Line and catch the MTA bus line 268 or the Foothill Transit line 187. An MTA day pass is \$3.00 and valid on all MTA bus lines and the local fare for Foothill Transit is \$1.00. The average travel time from Union Station in downtown to The Arboretum is about 55 minutes. Imagine all the reading and site seeing you can do while you ride through historic Los Angeles.

### *Electric Vehicle Charge Up Station*

**F**or all those who now own electric or hybrid vehicles, The Arboretum has an electric vehicle charge up station right in the parking lot. There are 4 stations available on the north side of the main parking lot. Charge up your vehicle while you have lunch at The Peacock Café or take a leisurely stroll through the gardens.

## DISCOVERY TRAILS

### California's Fields of Beauty

Susan Eubank, Arboretum Librarian

There's an agave that I didn't get to visit when I lived at Grand Canyon National Park. It's named *Agave phillipsiana*. It is known from only four very remote locations deep, inside the canyon, where three out of the four locations are associated with archaeological sites. Wendy Hodgson, Senior Research Botanist at Desert Botanical Garden and the botanist, who named the agave, determines that it is a "relictual cultivar" created and tended by pre-Columbian peoples. Arizona has four other examples of agaves developed this way. When I learned about these, it was one of those "wow" moments for me when I more clearly understood how humans and plants have had deep and intense relationships with each other as long as humans have existed.

Another experience I had at Grand Canyon (because I was one of the founders of the Grand Canyon Book Club) was reading endless books, which were always well written, about a person from the East who was writing about the wonders of the "West." As a westerner I was always a little peeved that I hadn't thought to share my varied experiences, because I always thought the Easterners were a little too astonished that the desert actually had plants in it. But when I came back to Southern California, I was reminded that westerners often take their astonishing beauties for granted. The San Gabriel Mountains, in which I was nestled as a youngster (in Hastings Ranch, Pasadena), have revealed their grandeur to me as a returning adult. What a magnificent backdrop for our Arboretum, a beautiful view up my street on the way home and an incredible geological phenomenon.

California's fields of wildflowers in Antelope Valley, the Carrizo Plain, the Santa Rosa Plateau, Table Mountain, the Kern County foothills and Anza Borrego are remnant icons which resonate what the first Spanish visitors such as Father Juan Crespi described when he journeyed north in California in 1770. The fields were perceived as natural or untamed wilderness, but we now know that much of California was a managed landscape by the native peoples of California who used fire, selective harvesting, tilling, sowing, weeding and transplanting to create that environment. This knowledge evolved over the 10,000 year history of indigenous

Here at The Arboretum we are creating our own little section where we are "tending the wild." Beneath the Englemann oak (*Quercus engelmannii*) grove and up to the top of the south side of Tallac Knoll we have scattered California wild flower seeds. Last March the wildflowers created a wonderful carpet-like display and this spring we expect an equal or more glorious spread depending on the Southern Californian famously fickle rain patterns. Out of the sixteen species we scattered six were readily identifiable last year. Three of those species can be clearly documented as extant in the Pasadena, Santa Anita area as late as 1895. They are California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*), Baby Blue Eyes (*Nemophila menziesii*) and Tidy tips (*Layia platyglossa*). This year more will probably sprout. Come take your jaded western eyes and reappraise California's fields of beauty. Here at The Arboretum we tend for fleeting beauty and so our future generations will understand why humans and plants are intertwined.

## GIGABYTE GARDENING

*A Talk by Rob Weinstock*

*"Making Great Wine: Secrets to Sustainable Success in the Vineyards"*

As part of our Plants & People lecture series we bring you a talk by Rob Weinstock, Chief Viticulturist for the Terlato Wine Group. Rob has a passion for creating the highest quality wines beginning at their source. Since 2002 he has been Manager of Vineyard Operations and Grower Relations for the Terlato Family wineries in California.

Wednesday, April 18; 3:00pm

Wine tasting to follow in the Garden & Gift Shop

\$10 for members/\$15 for non-members

Call the education department at 626.821.4623 for reservations.

*Celebrate Earth Day and Assemble a Worm Bin*

This fun, hands-on workshop is the perfect way for a family or individual to contribute to household recycling efforts. You will learn all you need to know to successfully maintain a vermicompost bin, complete with red wiggler worms and instructions to take home. This is a family workshop (all ages welcome).

Sunday, April 22; 2-4pm

\$20/family for members; \$25/family for non-members  
(includes all supplies)

Reservations Required.

Call the education department at 626.821.4623 or email [tiffany.carr@arboretum.org](mailto:tiffany.carr@arboretum.org) to register.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

*Angie and Jerry Gyllenskog*

The Arboretum has received a wondrous gift from Angie and Jerry Gyllenskog of Covina, California. It is their gem, mineral and fossil collection created from a lifetime of collecting. There are many unusual gems and minerals and a special interest in scenes created from slices of rocks. The Arboretum is especially grateful for the varied specimens of petrified wood, roots and cones.

These items tie our living plant collections to past geologic eras. One fossil of particular interest is the sequoia cone from the Eocene or Oligocene (as much as 55 million years ago) which is closely related to the same kind of tree still living today and growing in The Arboretum near the northwest edge of the lagoon.

The collection is housed in The Arboretum Library open Tuesday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m. and every other Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come visit and see the wonders.



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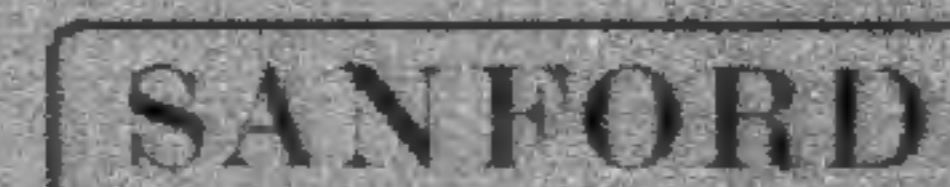
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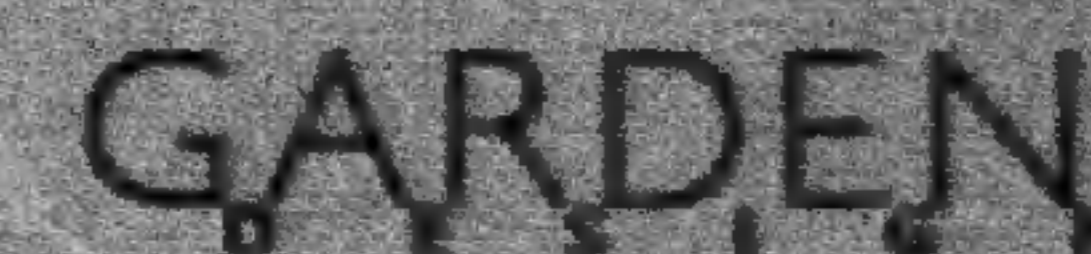
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